

Service Date: June 23, 1981

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of The Application)	
of The TOWN OF SUNBURST For Au-)	UTILITY DIVISION
thority To Adopt Increased Sewer)	DOCKET NO. 81.3.46
Rates.)	DEFAULT ORDER NO.4822

On March 11, 1981 the TOWN OF SUNBURST (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its sewer rates to provide revenues to defray increased costs of operation, to maintain and repair existing systems and meet increased capital expenditures.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Laws:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice of Opportunity For Public Hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the May 23, 1981 edition of the Great Falls Tribune and the May 21, 1981 edition of the Shelby Promoter. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by June 10, 1981 an appropriate order may be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.
2. No protests or requests for public hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.
3. On March 9, 1981 the entire Town Council of the Town of Sunburst passed a Resolution setting sewer rates at the proposed level.
4. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to provide for increased costs of operation, to maintain and repair the existing system and meet increased capital expenditures.
5. The Town anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$19,400.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.
2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The rates as set forth in Appendix "A" attached and by this reference incorporated herein are authorized.

2. These rates shall be effective for all sewer services rendered on and after June 19, 1981.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on June 19, 1981 by a 4 - 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

CLYDE JARVIS, Commissioner

ATTEST

Madeline L. Cottrill

Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38.2.4806 ARM.

APPENDIX "A"

Residential Flat	\$ 9.50 per month
Commercial Flat (less than 7,800 gallons of sewage per month)	\$9.50 per month
Commercial with flows in excess of 7,800 gallons of sewage per month	\$ 1.22 per 1,000 gallons
Rates Based on Estimated Sewage Flow:	
School System	\$113.00 per month
Laundromat	\$ 46.50 per month
Restaurant	\$ 19.00 per month

Prompt Payment Discount: None

Minimum Bill: \$9.50

Special Terms and Conditions: 10% penalty for late payment. Rates will be adjusted annually for any commercial account discharging more than 7,800 gallons per month.